

It is very distressing to see EVERYTHING in life turned into dollars and cents - for the shareholders. The freedom of the internet, communication among people unhindered by corporate, political or military interference, and the concept of a "free press" are part of the cornerstone of Democracy. And when you consider that US tax payer dollars paid for the bulk of the creation of the "world wide web" it is disgusting to see the corporate interests converging on taking over control of this incredible creation. If you allow Net Neutrality to be compromised, then you will have to take responsibility for giving away the public investment and for working against the public good.

The Internet is a public platform for free speech, equal opportunity, economic growth and innovation. Without vital Net Neutrality protections, companies like Verizon and Comcast, which have a commercial incentive to limit the free-flowing Web, can decide whether a person will have a voice online. These companies should never have the power to determine the fate of the Internet. We, the tax payers, paid to help create the Internet, and we do not agree to turn it over to corporate interests. The Internet is NOT a commercial commodity, it is part of the public domain.

Because of a loophole, for-profit interests are claiming ownership of the Internet. This is a disingenuous argument and should be treated as the frivolous claim that it is and thrown out of consideration.

The FCC must have the power to protect consumer access to the most important communications medium of our time. The FCC must stand with me and keep the Internet in the hands of the people who use it every day. Reclassifying broadband as a "telecommunications service" is the only way to keep the Internet open and free of corporate gatekeepers. It is about time for our elected politicians to act in the best interests of us, the people who bought and paid for the Internet in the first place.